

Sandhill Crane Tours

Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge

Saturday, October 15 & Sunday, October 16, 2016

When: 6:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.

Who: The public of all ages, but **pre-registration is required!** Please pre-register by calling 763-389-3323 or emailing Adam_Muilenburg@fws.gov. Leave your name, number of people taking part in the tour, and a telephone number. **Registration is limited to 25 people/day.**

What: A guided tour of sandhill cranes migrating through our refuge! After a brief coordination meeting, we will car caravan to area viewing sites, where you'll witness the spectacle of hundreds of cranes flying overhead as they leave roost sites on refuge pools. Leaders will share information on cranes and answer your questions.

Where: Meet your leaders at the Oak Savanna Learning Center on C.R. 9, 6 miles west of Hwy 169. Address is 16797 289th rd Ave, Zimmerman, MN 55398

What to wear/bring: Bring binoculars, spotting scopes, and cameras. Please wear clothing in **subtle colors** that will blend with the environment - browns, tans, or greens. Early mornings can be **COLD**, so dress accordingly - bring jackets, hats, gloves and wear closed-toed shoes or boots.



Sherburne Crane Facts:

- **The first breeding pair was found on the refuge in 1975, a very rare sighting at the time. Now we have 40-45 breeding pairs!**
- **Sherburne NWR is an important staging area during migration. In 1992, only 87 cranes staged at our refuge; in 2015 we had a record number of 11,331 sandhill cranes during peak migration!**

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service is committed to providing access to these events for all participants. Please direct all requests for special accommodations to Refuge Headquarters: 763/389-3323, sherburne@fws.gov, or TTY 800-877-8339 at least two weeks prior to the event.

